

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

JUAN CRUZ-ORTEGA,  
BOP #10515-298,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SIX UNKNOWN NAMED AGENTS;  
BARACK OBAMA, Mr. President,

Defendants.

Civil No. 11-0604 IEG (BGS)

**ORDER DISMISSING CIVIL  
ACTION WITHOUT PREJUDICE  
FOR FAILING TO PAY  
FILING FEE REQUIRED  
BY 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) AND/OR  
FAILING TO MOVE TO PROCEED  
*IN FORMA PAUPERIS*  
PURSUANT TO  
28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)**

Plaintiff, an inmate currently incarcerated at the Big Spring Correctional Center located in Big Spring, Texas and proceeding pro se, filed this action entitled “Under 42 U.S.C. 1983 Civil Right Action with Writ of Summons and Complaint.” Plaintiff has not prepaid the \$350 filing fee mandated by 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) to commence a civil action; nor has he filed a Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (“IFP”) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

**I. Failure to Pay Filing Fee or Request IFP Status**

All parties instituting any civil action, suit or proceeding in any district court of the United States, except an application for writ of habeas corpus, must pay a filing fee of \$350. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). An action may proceed despite a party’s failure to pay this filing fee only if the party is granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”) pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

§ 1915(a). *See Andrews v. Cervantes*, 493 F.3d 1047, 1051 (9th Cir. 2007); *Rodriguez v. Cook*, 169 F.3d 1176, 1177 (9th Cir. 1999).

Plaintiff has not prepaid the \$350 filing fee required to commence a civil action, nor has he submitted a Motion to Proceed IFP. Therefore, the case must be dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). *Id.*

## II. Conclusion and Order

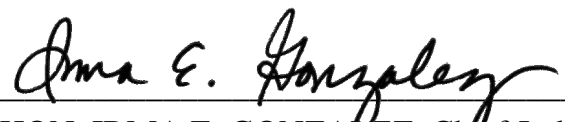
For the reasons set forth above, the Court hereby:

(1) **DISMISSES** this action sua sponte without prejudice for failing to pay the \$350 filing fee or file a Motion to Proceed IFP pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914(a) and 1915(a); and

(2) **GRANTS** Plaintiff **forty five (45)** days leave from the date this Order is filed to: (a) prepay the entire \$350 civil filing fee in full; *or* (b) complete and file a Motion to Proceed IFP which includes a certified copy of his trust account statement for the 6-month period preceding the filing of his Complaint. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2); S.D. CAL. CIVLR 3.2(b).<sup>1</sup>

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Court shall provide Plaintiff with this Court's approved form "Motion and Declaration in Support of Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*." If Plaintiff fails to either prepay the \$350 civil filing fee or complete and submit the enclosed Motion to Proceed IFP within that time, this action shall remain dismissed without prejudice and without further Order of the Court.

DATED: 3/29/11



HON. IRMA E. GONZALEZ, Chief Judge  
United States District Court

<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff is cautioned that if he chooses to proceed further with this action either by paying the full civil filing fee required by 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a), or moving to proceed IFP, his Complaint will be screened and is likely to be dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b) and 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(b). *See Lopez v. Smith*, 203 F.3d 1122, 1126-27 (9th Cir. 2000) (en banc) (noting that 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e) "not only permits but requires" the court to sua sponte dismiss an *in forma pauperis* complaint that fails to state a claim)